

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Safety Drill Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 20 and 25 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 128/20)

7 Sec. 20. Number of drills; incidents covered; local  
8 authority participation.

9 (a) During each academic year, schools must conduct a  
10 minimum of 3 school evacuation drills to address and prepare  
11 students and school personnel for fire incidents. These drills  
12 must meet all of the following criteria:

13 (1) One of the 3 school evacuation drills shall  
14 require the participation of the appropriate local fire  
15 department or district.

16 (A) Each local fire department or fire district  
17 must contact the appropriate school administrator or  
18 his or her designee no later than September 1 of each  
19 year in order to arrange for the participation of the  
20 department or district in the school evacuation drill.

21 (B) Each school administrator or his or her  
22 designee must contact the responding local fire  
23 official no later than September 15 of each year and

1 propose to the local fire official 4 dates within the  
2 month of October, during at least 2 different weeks of  
3 October, on which the drill shall occur. The fire  
4 official may choose any of the 4 available dates, and  
5 if he or she does so, the drill shall occur on that  
6 date.

7 (C) The school administrator or his or her  
8 designee and the local fire official may also, by  
9 mutual agreement, set any other date for the drill,  
10 including a date outside of the month of October.

11 (D) If the fire official does not select one of the  
12 4 offered dates in October or set another date by  
13 mutual agreement, the requirement that the school  
14 include the local fire service in one of its mandatory  
15 school evacuation drills shall be waived. Schools,  
16 however, shall continue to be strongly encouraged to  
17 include the fire service in a school evacuation drill  
18 at a mutually agreed-upon time.

19 (E) Upon the participation of the local fire  
20 service, the appropriate local fire official shall  
21 certify that the school evacuation drill was  
22 conducted.

23 (F) When scheduling the school evacuation drill,  
24 the school administrator or his or her designee and  
25 the local fire department or fire district may, by  
26 mutual agreement on or before September 14, choose to

1 waive the provisions of subparagraphs (B), (C), and  
2 (D) of this paragraph (1).

3 Additional school evacuation drills for fire incidents  
4 may involve the participation of the appropriate local  
5 fire department or district.

6 (2) Schools may conduct additional school evacuation  
7 drills to account for other evacuation incidents,  
8 including without limitation suspicious items or bomb  
9 threats.

10 (3) All drills shall be conducted at each school  
11 building that houses school children.

12 (b) During each academic year, schools must conduct a  
13 minimum of one bus evacuation drill. This drill shall be  
14 accounted for in the curriculum in all public schools and in  
15 all other educational institutions in this State that are  
16 supported or maintained, in whole or in part, by public funds  
17 and that provide instruction in any of the grades kindergarten  
18 through 12. This curriculum shall include instruction in safe  
19 bus riding practices for all students. Schools may conduct  
20 additional bus evacuation drills. All drills shall be  
21 conducted at each school building that houses school children.

22 (b-5) Notwithstanding the minimum requirements established  
23 by this Act, private schools that do not utilize a bus to  
24 transport students for any purpose are exempt from subsection  
25 (b) of this Section, provided that the chief school  
26 administrator of the private school provides written assurance

1 to the State Board of Education that the private school does  
2 not plan to utilize a bus to transport students for any purpose  
3 during the current academic year. The assurance must be made  
4 on a form supplied by the State Board of Education and filed no  
5 later than October 15. If a private school utilizes a bus to  
6 transport students for any purpose during an academic year  
7 when an assurance pursuant to this subsection (b-5) has been  
8 filed with the State Board of Education, the private school  
9 shall immediately notify the State Board of Education and  
10 comply with subsection (b) of this Section no later than 30  
11 calendar days after utilization of the bus to transport  
12 students, except that, at the discretion of the private  
13 school, students chosen for participation in the bus  
14 evacuation drill need include only the subgroup of students  
15 that are utilizing bus transportation.

16 (c) During each academic year, schools must conduct a law  
17 enforcement lockdown drill to address a school shooting  
18 incident. No later than 90 days after the first day of each  
19 school year, schools must conduct at least one law enforcement  
20 lockdown drill that addresses an active threat or an active  
21 shooter within a school building. Such drills must be  
22 conducted according to the school district's or private  
23 school's emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and  
24 procedures to evaluate the preparedness of school personnel  
25 and students. Law enforcement lockdown drills must be  
26 conducted on days and times when students are normally present

1 in the school building and must involve participation from all  
2 school personnel and students present at school at the time of  
3 the lockdown drill, except that administrators or school  
4 support personnel in their discretion may exempt students from  
5 the lockdown drill. The appropriate local law enforcement  
6 agency shall observe the administration of the lockdown drill.  
7 All drills must be conducted at each school building that  
8 houses school children.

9 (1) A law enforcement lockdown drill must meet all of  
10 the following criteria:

11 (A) During each calendar year, the appropriate  
12 local law enforcement agency shall contact the  
13 appropriate school administrator to request to  
14 participate in a law enforcement lockdown drill. The  
15 school administrator and local law enforcement agency  
16 shall set, by mutual agreement, a date for the  
17 lockdown drill.

18 (A-5) The lockdown drill shall require the on-site  
19 participation of the local law enforcement agency. If  
20 a mutually agreeable date cannot be reached between  
21 the school administrator and the appropriate local law  
22 enforcement agency, then the school shall still hold  
23 the lockdown drill without participation from the  
24 agency.

25 (B) Upon the participation of a local law  
26 enforcement agency in a law enforcement lockdown

1 drill, the appropriate local law enforcement official  
2 shall certify that the law enforcement lockdown drill  
3 was conducted and notify the school in a timely manner  
4 of any deficiencies noted during the drill.

5 (C) The lockdown drill must not include  
6 simulations that mimic an actual school shooting  
7 incident or active shooter event.

8 (D) All lockdown drills must be announced in  
9 advance to all school personnel and students prior to  
10 the commencement of the drill.

11 (E) Lockdown drill content must be age appropriate  
12 and developmentally appropriate.

13 (F) Lockdown drills must include and involve  
14 school personnel, including school-based mental health  
15 professionals.

16 (G) Lockdown drills must include trauma-informed  
17 approaches to address the concerns and well-being of  
18 students and school personnel.

19 (2) Schools may conduct additional law enforcement  
20 drills at their discretion.

21 (3) (Blank).

22 (4) School administrators and school support personnel  
23 may, in their discretion, exempt a student or students  
24 from participating in a walk-through lockdown drill.

25 (5) Schools must provide sufficient information and  
26 notification to parents and guardians in advance of any

1 walk-through lockdown drill that involves the  
2 participation of students. Schools must also provide to  
3 parents and guardians an opportunity to exempt their child  
4 for any reason from participating in the walk-through  
5 lockdown drill.

6 (6) Schools must provide alternative safety education  
7 and instruction related to an active threat or active  
8 shooter event to students who do not participate in a  
9 walk-through lockdown drill to provide them with essential  
10 information, training, and instruction through less  
11 sensorial safety training methods.

12 (7) During the drill, students must be allowed to ask  
13 questions related to the drill.

14 (8) Law enforcement may choose to run an active  
15 shooter simulation, including simulated gun fire drills,  
16 but only on school days when students are not present.  
17 Parental notification is not required for drills conducted  
18 pursuant to this paragraph (8) if students are not  
19 required to be present.

20 (d) During each academic year, schools must conduct a  
21 minimum of one severe weather and shelter-in-place drill to  
22 address and prepare students and school personnel for possible  
23 tornado incidents and may conduct additional severe weather  
24 and shelter-in-place drills to account for other incidents,  
25 including without limitation earthquakes or hazardous  
26 materials. All drills shall be conducted at each school

1 building that houses school children.

2 (Source: P.A. 100-443, eff. 8-25-17; 100-996, eff. 1-1-19.)

3 (105 ILCS 128/25)

4 Sec. 25. Annual review.

5 (a) Each public school district, through its school board  
6 or the board's designee, shall conduct a minimum of one annual  
7 meeting at which it will review each school building's  
8 emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and  
9 procedures, including procedures regarding the school  
10 district's threat assessment team, the efficacy and effects of  
11 law enforcement drills, and each building's compliance with  
12 the school safety drill programs. The purpose of this annual  
13 review shall be to review and update the emergency and crisis  
14 response plans, protocols, and procedures and the school  
15 safety drill programs of the district and each of its school  
16 buildings. This review must be at no cost to the school  
17 district. In updating a school building's emergency and crisis  
18 response plans, consideration may be given to making the  
19 emergency and crisis response plans available to first  
20 responders, administrators, and teachers for implementation  
21 and utilization through the use of electronic applications on  
22 electronic devices, including, but not limited to,  
23 smartphones, tablets, and laptop computers.

24 (b) Each school board or the board's designee is required  
25 to participate in the annual review and to invite each of the



1 following parties to the annual review and provide each party  
2 with a minimum of 30 days' notice before the date of the annual  
3 review:

4 (1) The principal of each school within the school  
5 district or his or her official designee.

6 (2) Representatives from any other education-related  
7 organization or association deemed appropriate by the  
8 school district.

9 (3) Representatives from all local first responder  
10 organizations to participate, advise, and consult in the  
11 review process, including, but not limited to:

12 (A) the appropriate local fire department or  
13 district;

14 (B) the appropriate local law enforcement agency;

15 (C) the appropriate local emergency medical  
16 services agency if the agency is a separate, local  
17 first responder unit; and

18 (D) any other member of the first responder or  
19 emergency management community that has contacted the  
20 district superintendent or his or her designee during  
21 the past year to request involvement in a school's  
22 emergency planning or drill process.

23 (4) The school board or its designee may also choose  
24 to invite to the annual review any other persons whom it  
25 believes will aid in the review process, including, but  
26 not limited to, any members of any other education-related

1 organization or the first responder or emergency  
2 management community.

3 (c) Upon the conclusion of the annual review, the school  
4 board or the board's designee shall sign a one page report,  
5 which may be in either a check-off format or a narrative  
6 format, that does the following:

7 (1) summarizes the review's recommended changes to the  
8 existing school safety plans and drill plans;

9 (2) lists the parties that participated in the annual  
10 review, and includes the annual review's attendance  
11 record;

12 (3) certifies that an effective review of the  
13 emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and  
14 procedures and the school safety drill programs of the  
15 district and each of its school buildings has occurred;

16 (4) states that the school district will implement  
17 those plans, protocols, procedures, and programs, during  
18 the academic year; and

19 (5) includes the authorization of the school board or  
20 the board's designee.

21 (d) The school board or its designee shall send a copy of  
22 the report to each party that participates in the annual  
23 review process and to the appropriate regional superintendent  
24 of schools. If any of the participating parties have comments  
25 on the certification document, those parties shall submit  
26 their comments in writing to the appropriate regional

1 superintendent. The regional superintendent shall maintain a  
2 record of these comments. The certification document may be in  
3 a check-off format or narrative format, at the discretion of  
4 the district superintendent.

5 (e) The review must occur at least once during the fiscal  
6 year, at a specific time chosen at the school district  
7 superintendent's discretion.

8 (f) A private school shall conduct a minimum of one annual  
9 meeting at which the school must review each school building's  
10 emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and procedures  
11 and each building's compliance with the school safety drill  
12 programs of the school. The purpose of this annual review  
13 shall be to review and update the emergency and crisis  
14 response plans, protocols, and procedures and the school  
15 safety drill programs of the school. This review must be at no  
16 cost to the private school.

17 The private school shall invite representatives from all  
18 local first responder organizations to participate, advise,  
19 and consult in the review process, including, but not limited  
20 to, the following:

21 (1) the appropriate local fire department or fire  
22 protection district;

23 (2) the appropriate local law enforcement agency;

24 (3) the appropriate local emergency medical services  
25 agency if the agency is a separate, local first responder  
26 unit; and

1           (4) any other member of the first responder or  
2           emergency management community that has contacted the  
3           school's chief administrative officer or his or her  
4           designee during the past year to request involvement in  
5           the school's emergency planning or drill process.

6           (Source: P.A. 101-455, eff. 8-23-19.)

7           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
8           becoming law.